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EDITORIALS

AND UNOPPOSED!

The Times-Virginian calls for the re-election, without opposition, of Watkins M. Abbitt to represent the Fourth District in Congress.

The Fourth District Democratic Committee has called for a primary the first Tuesday in August, 1950, to nominate a candidate.

Congressman Abbitt has not yet announced for re-election, but it is presumed that he will do so. We call upon him to announce, and we hope there will be no other candidate.

His service to his constituents and the people of Virginia has been outstanding. He has advanced rapidly in seniority on the Agriculture Committee and is becoming one of its most influencial members. His prestige in Washington is marking him as a potent leader in legislative circles.

When Mr. Abbitt first offered for Congress, this newspaper was among the very first to urge his election. At that time, we stated he would make the kind of Congressman the district would wish to elect again and again. We are pleased to repeat that observation.

Mr. Abbitt, throw your hat into the ring!

THE "ZERO HOUR"

We suppose this is the "zero hour" for Appomattox! The big Dedication program scheduled for this Sunday afternoon is all set, and a grand and colorful program it is. Biggest thing needed now is a break from the weather man! If he gives us a beautiful, mild spring day, we shall play hosts to a great crowd, attracted by the thrill of seeing the Lee's, Grant's and McLean's meeting again at Appomattox, listening to bands, seeing the decorations and hearing informative addresses.

Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, principal speaker at the Dedication, is an outstanding authority on the history of the War Between the States. He may be counted upon to paint for us an accurate and understanding picture of April, 1865.

We are particularly delighted to have as guests, leaders in the National Park Service. Work has not been completed here with the rebuilding of the McLean House. We must go from that fine beginning, until the entire historical area is restored. The interest of the Park Service officials is a "must."

So, dress up, Appomattox! Our big moment is at hand! Hundreds of thousands of words have been published about Appomattox in the past few weeks. Now, let us stage the Dedication, with smoothness and price! This is "zero hour."

WITH OTHER EDTORS

LIVING LONGER

(Winchester Star)

U. S. Public Health Service has announced the average American was living to the ripe old age of 67.2 years as of 1948. He may be doing better than that by now, thanks to discoveries made by medical science in behalf of human health. Women are living longer than men, the figures being 71 and 66.5 respectively.

These are all new records and are remarkable in view of the alleged increasing tension of life and the inroads of diseases of the heart.

Work and worry are said to be a man's greatest enemy so far as health is concerned. Work in itself can hardly be harmful but combined with worry, the result is often disastrous. The nervous system is affected and bodily processes thrown out of kilter.

Although man is living faster, he is also living longer, due to the benefits of medical science, improved sanitation and mastery over diseases which once took heavy tolls. Whether he is having more fun out of life must be left for another essay.

BATTLESHIPS AND ROCKETS

(Washington Evening Star)

Vice Admiral Bogan, who retired recently after a distinguished naval career, is one of the admirals who believe that the conventional battleship is a thing of the past. But he thinks that some of them could be converted into very useful fleet units in the rocket era. There are indications that the Russians have the same idea.

Writing in the spring issue of Air Affairs, Admiral Bogan advocates use of the Missouri and other ships of her class as guided-missile platforms. This would mean, of course, removal of big guns and turrents and installation of rocket-launching apparatus of the type now being tested on the experimental guided-missile ship, the former seaplane tender Norton Sound.

The latest issue of Jane's reports that the Soviet Navy is completing three battleships which may be armed with guided missiles instead of heavy guns. Despite this information, there have been hints at the Pentagon that plans for converting the partly completed Kentucky into a rocket-launching dreadnaught will be abandoned. The Kentucky was to be a sister ship of the Missouri. The latter now is being used as a training ship. Many laymen will share with Admiral Bogan the belief that such big ships could serve a better purpose than training midshipmen, if they are to be kept in service at all, it would seem wise to equip them with arms as modern as any of the Soviet Navy could use against them.

THE WELFARE STATE

(Ashland Herald-Progress)

Two fleas decided to marry and settle down. The ceremony performed, they selected a big, inactive dog and took up their abode.

Life was sweet and rosy. Food, shelter and heat were provided from [illegible] a central control source. Freedom from want and fear became a reality. With a housing unit in every wrinkle, the fleas had little to do other than eat, sleep and multiply.

The dog seldom scratched. He never plunged into streams, or an any other manner upset the tranquility of his "citizens." Selfish, material rights were subordinated to the comfort and welfare of the fleas, who enjoyed this abundant, sheltered life. They multiplied amazingly! There came a time when the old dog grew wearly and debilitated. Could be the fleas were too voracious in their appetites. Unable longer to support his hungry and non-productive citizenry, the old dog wandered into the wilderness and passed away.

Consternation, nay panic, reigned among the fleas. They raced from tip of tail to cold, shining nose, shouting, "The economic system has let us down."

Many of the panic-stricken horde, disillusioned and without sustenance, and totally incap.citated to seek a new livelihood, died on the spot. Others, deeply embittered, trudged out to face a cold, unsympathetic world, dying as they tried to thumb a ride to the next dog.

With a reasonable amount of initiative, a will to do a fair day's work, a bit of discipline, plus self-reliance, the fleas would be living today.

And, so would the dog.

SAFETY IN GOOD MANNERS

(Winchester Star)

While it may sound like a joke to some people, there's a great deal of truth in the statement made by a safety expert to a New York City audience the other day. It's not necessary to agree with him 100 per cent to realize that he is on the right track.

The statement, made by New York Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Clifford J. Fletcher, was that ill-mannered motorists are a greater menace than drunken drivers. It followed another statement to the effect that a majority of motor fatalities in New York State last year could be traced to "impatience, discourtesy and sheer recklessness."

There's no question that most accidents are the result of plain selfishness or thoughtlessness. The driver who is thinking of others will obey traffic regulations and rules of the road to prevent mishaps. And there wouldn't be many highway crashes if everybody showed a reasonable amount of consideration for everybody else.

If automobile drivers could learn to be reasonably courteous they would suddenly find they could use the roads in reasonable safety. But how to make them see it? That's the problem.

GOOD LISTENERS

(Wall Street Journal)

Make-up, clothes, the tempting eye. Sometimes serve to trap a guy; But, maidens long on comprehension Get their men with . . . attention.

1950'S BICYCLES

(Boston Post)

With the passing of the last vestiges of the winter's snow, the forgotten bicycle appears in numbers on the streets of suburban communities, and, unfortunately too often, on the sidewalks as well. One of the major insurance companies recently estimated that there are now 10,000,000 persons, most of them teenagers or younger, who use bicycles more or less regularly during the open months of the year. It calls attention to the fact that last year bicycle riders were involved in accidents which cost 500 lives.

Since the turn of the century, when the "bike" was somewhat more glamorous and more important as a transportation factor than it is today, it has never really gone out of fashion. In 1950 there are more in use than ever before—and never before was it more important to exercise common sense in their use.

Attend the McLean House Dedication here Sunday, April 16. Be at the Old Court House by 1 P. M.

STATE C. OF C. WARNS OF TAX INCREASE

Many Virginia employers will pay a substancially higher unemployment compensation tax on their 1950 payrolls than last year, according to the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

What's more, says Chris H. Whiteman, director of the State Chamber's Social Security Division, the tax bill will be high again in 1951.

Reason for the ttax hike is the tremendous rise in unemployment benefits paid out in Virginia during 1949, Whiteman explains. "More than $15 million was paid out last year, as compared with an average of less than $5 million per year in 1946, '47 and '48," he said.

The tax rate is based largely upon "experience rating" of average payments for each three preceding years. Thus, according to the formula, the huge sums expended in 1949 will boost the average employer tax contribution for 1950, '51, and '52.

START SPRAYING EARLY

Start spraying early to control blue mold on tobacco—and keep it up until the plant are ret in the field.

That's the advice from S. B. Fenne, plant specialist at V. P. I., who explains that tobacco plants do not develop a resistance to blue mold. They are merely protected as long as you keep them covered with ferbam—a fungicide available under various trade names such as fermate, femate, karbam-blaze, feradow and nu-leaf.

Spray or dust the plants at least twice each week. Spraying is cheap. It will cost only about $2 to spray a 100-square-yard plant bed for the entire season. Dusting is equally satisfactory, but smoewhat more expensive.

Narrow plant beds, not more than four yards wide, are easier to spray or dust. If the bed cloth is stretched tightly about six inches above the beds, the narrow beds can be sprayed or dusted through the cloth, at least when the plants are small. For large, wide beds, it is necessary to remove the cover.

The sprayer must produce at least 150 pounds pressure and every leaf must be covered, both top and bottom.

EGG PRICES EXPECTED TO CONTINUE LOW

Egg prices in the spring months - a period of seasonably large production - are expected to continue substancially lower than in 1949.

D. U. Livermore, V. P. I. poultry marketing economist, commenting on estimates from the United States Department of Agriculture, said the February egg prices received by U. S. farmers were 29 per cent lower than a year ago. This relationship is expected to continue throughout 1950.

The average U. S. egg price in mid-February of 29.6c per dozen was the lowest in about six years. The hen, meanwhile, set a new high in February egg production for the sixth consecutive time.

Egg prices strengthened during the first three weeks of March when terminal wholesale quotations advanced 2 to 6 cents above the low levels of mid-February. This was caused by seasonably high movement into cold storage, Livermore said.

Cold storage stocks of shell eggs on March 1 stood at 743,000 cases, a figure five times that of a year ago. The 10-year average, 1939-48, for March 1, is 672,000.

Holdings of froze neggs in cold storage were reported at about 75,000,000 pound. March 1 — as compared to the 59,000,000 pounds a year ago, and the 1942-47 average of 86,000,000 pounds.

Factors affecting egg prices for the rest of 1950, as listed by Livermore, are a larger number of layers than last year, probable high rate of lay per bird, and large storage holdings which will supplement fresh egg production during the last half of the year.

However, farmers have said they intend to raise fewer pullets this spring. If this occurs, the excess egg supply situation should be somewhat less price-depressing by fall, when present hen numbers are replaced by the expected smaller number of pullets now being raised.

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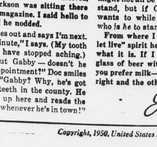

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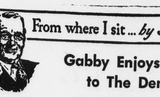

From where I sit ... *by* Joe M

Gabby Enjoys Goin to The Dentist

One of my molars was giving me a bad time Tuesday afternoon, so I slipped over to Doc Jones, hoping to catch him free. When I arrived, Gabby Jackson was sitting there reading a magazine. I said hello to Gabby and he nodded.

Doc comes out and says I'm next. "Wait a minute," I says. (My tooth seemed to have stopped aching.) "How about Gabby — doesn't he have an appointment?" Doc smiles and says, "Gabby? Why, he's got the finest teeth in the county. He just comes up here and reads the magazines whenever he's in town!"

As Doc went to work he that he's glad to have Ga up and read magazines might not all be fresh off stand, but if Gabby—e wants to while away h who is *he* to stand in thei

From where I sit, this let live" spirit helps make what it is. If I prefer a glass of beer with my so you prefer milk—who's i right and the other wron

Joe M

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Miss Gills Has Book On Appomattox

Richmond, April 12.- At last a book has been written on what happened at Appomattox—site of the surrender at the close of the War Between the States.

The book is titled "It Happened at Appomattox" by Mary Louise Gills, a resident of the historic Appomattox community and a well-known student of Southern history.

Significant that such a book is available in view of the fact that the famous McLean House - in which the surrender took place - is to be formally dedicated on Sunday, April 16.

Appomattox ranks with Yorktown in historical importance, yet for some reason it has been almost forgotten on the map. Now the story of its days of historical significance is told in a story of adventure, heroism and tragic drama.

"It Happened at Appomattox" contains an interesting account of what happened that fateful April 9, 1865. The author, in a delightful style, tells many historical, humorous and whimsical stories about the people, homes and neighborhood, the famous men who lived there.

The author, Mary Louise Gills, is a regular contributor to newspapers on the subject of the South, besides having written published plays and articles on the subject of Appomattox and the surrender. She has received twenty-six awards from contests sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The book is profusely illustrated with a series of pleasing pen-and-ink sketches of the late Robert Ter. Gilliss.

This book is published by The Dietz Press, Richmond, Va.

Town of Appomattox will be decorated for the celebration here this weekend.

Shipping strike set Saturday in East and South.

Attorney-General wants to cross examine Hearthy witness.

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Bands To Play Patriotic Songs Here Sunday

Among the patriotic songs to be played Sunday at the McLean House Dedication by the cadet bands of Virginia Military Institute and the U. S. Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, will be:

Dixie

Battle Hymn of The Republic

America

Star Spangled Banner

A Medley of Civil War songs.

The bands will begin playing at 1:15 P. M. That means that everyone should be present by 1:00.

Marshalls For Parade

J. C. Hudgins will be marshall in charge of setting positions for the colorful spectacle of patriotic songs by the VMI and Marine Bands here Sunday at the Dedication. Bands will begin their marches at 1:15 P. M. A. R. Harwood, Jr. will be the assistant marshall for the Quantico Marine Band, and Walter Dresser will serve for the VMI band.

On Mutual Network

Congressman W. M. Abbitt made several radio transcriptions this week for use over the Mutual network of stations in advertising the McLean House Dedication here Sunday. Mr. Abbitt made the transcriptions w made at WWOD, the Mutual Station in Lynchburg, and were released over the network's national studios in Washington.

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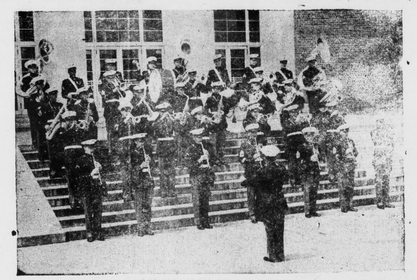


Quantico, Va., The Marine Corps Schools Band, under the direction of Commissioned Warrant Officer August Odgaard, will be in Appomattox, Va. to take part in the dedication of the McLean House (National Historical Monument), on April 16.

The band, stationed at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., was organized in 1917 and in Marine Corps musical circles is second only to the "President's Own," the U. S. Marine Band stationed at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Their precision in marching and highly rated musical ability keep the Quatico musicians in constant demand for patriotic gatherings and public celebrations. They have traveled as far west as Kansas City, Kansas, taking part in the 4th Marine Division Reunion there in 1948. They have been called on for charity football games at Soldiers Field, Chicago and the Yankee Stadium in New York City. This year they went to Memphis for the Cotton Carnival and to Boston, Mass., for the State convention of the Marine Corps League. They participated in Alexandria's (Va.) Centennial Celebration and the 1949 Apple Festival at Winchester, Va.

When not in some civic or military celebration, the band starts its day at Quantico with "morning colors" at 8:00 A. M., followed by a rehearsal period that usually lasts from 9:00 to 11:30 A. M. The afternoons are devoted to individual practice or to rehearsal with one of the two dance orchestras that have been formed from within the band.

No matter where they play, miles from Quantico or at home to their local audience, the Marine Corps Schools Band receives the acclaim due to one of the finest military musical organizations in the nation.

Red Cross To Set Up Aid Facilty

The Appomattox Chapter of the American Red Cross plans to set up a First Aid station to take care of emergencies, during the Dedication activities here this Sunday. A. R. Harwood is chairman of the Red Cross Chapter.

India ratifies pact with Pakistan.

Schedule For R. E. Lee, IV

Robert E. Lee, IV, great grandson of the famed Southern General, will arrive in Washington, D. C., at 1:00 P. M., Saturday, by plane from San Francisco. He will be met at the Washington Airport by a host of press and news reel photographers, and Park Service representatives.

He will spend Saturday night with friends at Leesburg, Virginia, and arrive to Appomattox Sunday morning.

Immediately after the dedication ceremony here he will return to Washington to make a plane connection at 8:00 P. M. for the return to California.

Many Visitors From Distance

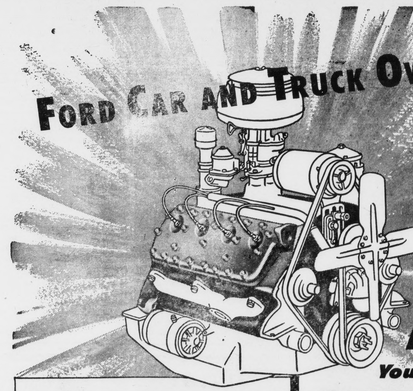
Hundreds of out-of-state guests plan to be in Appomattox for the McLean House Dedication this Sunday.

Monday night a gentleman called from Pittsburgh, Penn., seeking to get over-night accomodations for the week-end. Local homes are very likely to be filled Saturday night.

Others have written in from all parts of the United States stating that they cannot attend, but have read the nation-wide publicity Appomattox has received in recent weeks. Many enclose stamps, asking for a copy of the dedication program.

Spuck fears long struggle over the return of Leopold.

Wheat crop held to be considerably damaged over nation.



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